

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure section starting at page 61, line 2 and ending at page 61, line 16 to read, as follows.

An image forming apparatus includes a plurality of developing devices each including a developer carrying member for carrying a developer to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on an image bearing member, and a developer regulating member for regulating the developer carried on the developer carrying member; a common voltage applying device means for applying a common voltage to the plurality of the developer ~~develop our regulating member. When members, wherein~~ a first one of the developer carrying members is rotating, and when a second one of the developer carrying members is not rotating, a potential difference between a potential of the second developer carrying member and the common voltage is smaller than a potential voltage difference between a potential of the first developer carrying member and the common voltage.